

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Art Unit: 2616
Application Number: 09/829,676

Our Ref: A8693

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement Drawings of Figs. 1-7

Attachments:

Replacement sheets

REMARKS

This amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of objection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Introduction

Claims 1-24 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16-20 and 23-24 are amended.

II. Preliminary Matters

A. Drawing

The drawings are objected to because figs. 1, 2-A, 3-5, 6A and 7 include shading. Replacement drawings are submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection is obviated.

B. Claim Objection

Claims 2 and 17 are objected to because of informalities. These claims are amended and the objection is believed obviated. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 18 are amended to correct informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the claims would have been allowable without the amendments.

III. Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8, 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims are amended and it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is obviated.

IV. Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 17, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that “these claims are computer related processes which do not have any physical transformation outside the computer nor be limited to a practical application.” Office Action, page 3, paragraph 6. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 17, 20 and 23 are amended and the rejection is believed obviated.

V. Claim rejection under obviousness-type double patenting

Claims 1-4, 9-12 and 17-20 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 25-26 and 13-14, respectively of the ‘887 patent in view of Mills. Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection.

VI. Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mills.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner contends that Mills discloses each limitation. Specifically, the Examiner cites fig. 2 and col. 4, line 59 - col. 5, line 7 as teaching of the limitation of building a list, as described in claim 1. Applicants respectfully traverse the

rejection at least because the portions of Mills relied upon by the Examiner do not disclose building a list comprising a starting mark and ending mark for each selected portion of first content, the list for use in accessing corresponding portions of the same content stored as second content in a second format, as required by claim 1.

Mills relates to an apparatus and a method for editing a video recording by selecting and displaying a video clip. The system allows user to mark video frames in the video recording as the begin point or the end point of a video clip. Small digitized frames (SDFs) are then created using the video frames marked as the begin point and the end point, and the video frames between the begin point and the end point. See Abstract. The SDFs representing the begin point and the end point are displayed in the begin frame and the end frame, respectively, in a clip displayed in the clip edit window. See fig. 2. The SDFs between the begin point and the end point are animated and displayed in the clip, along with the frames representing the begin point and the end point. See col. 5, lines 3-13. The cited excerpt relied upon by the Examiner merely describes the content for the begin frame, the end frame and the clip frame sequence window for a clip. Col. 4, line 59 - col. 5, line 7. Even though Mills discloses that multiple clips can be generated and displayed in the clip edit window, Mills does not disclose building a list comprising a starting mark and ending mark for each selected clip, as required by claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Mills does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2 and 8 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

VII. Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

A. Claims 3-7, 11-15 and 19-23

Claims 3-7, 11-15 and 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills in view of Fujita.

Applicants submit that claims 3-7 are patentable at least because of their dependency from claim 1, and because Fujita fails to cure the deficiencies of Mills.

Claims 11-15 and 19-23 are patentable at least because they contain limitations similar to those discussed above with respect to the anticipation rejection of claim 1, and because Fujita fails to cure the deficiencies of Mills.

B. Claims 9-10, 16-18 and 24

Claims 9-10, 16-18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills. In making the rejection, the Examiner has taken official notice that it is well known in the art to embody inventions in software to be executed by a computer.

Claims 9-10, 16-18 and 24 are patentable at least because they contain limitations analogous to those discussed above with respect to the anticipation rejection of claim 1, and because the official notice fails to cure the deficiencies of Mills.

VIII. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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